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SUBJECT: EXPLOSION AT CASTEL HAITI HOTEL: FORMAL GOH REQUEST
FOR INFORMATION ON US CITIZENS AND ANY OTHERS IMPLICATED

REF: PORT AU PRINCE 1752 AND PREVIOUS

1. SUMMARY. FOREIGN SECRETARY BRUTUS, JUST RETURNED FROM TRIP TO IRAN AND ISRAEL, HAS SENT ME FORMAL REQUEST FOR ALL INFORMATION WHICH USG CAN DEVELOP RE SEPTEMBER 4 EXPLOSION AND PARTICULARLY RE PERSONS IMPLICATED ALONG WITH AMERICAN CITIZENS CINTHIA ABRAMS AND LATE RALPH HARRINGTON. I HAVE SENT INTERIM ACKNOWLEDGMENT. TRANSLATION FOLLOWS OF DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS NOTE NO. SG/CG: 199, DATED SEPTEMBER 9 AND RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 10:

2. QUOTE MR. CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.: I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO LETTER SG/CG: 82 DATED MAY 10, 1974 (SEE PORT AU PRINCE 0861, 5/10/74) REGARDING THE BOOBY-TRAPPED PACKAGES SENT FROM MIAMI TO PORT AU PRINCE, WHICH HAS NEVER RECEIVED ANY REPLY.

3. QUOTE THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT WAS EXPECTING TO BE INFORMED OF THE RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION UNDERTAKEN IN THE UNITED STATES
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ON THIS UNFORTUNATE AFFAIR, WHEN ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 THERE

OCCURRED AT THE HOTEL CASTEL HAITI THE EXPLOSION IN WHICH TWO AMERICAN CITIZENS, RALPH HARRINGTON AND CINTHIA ABRAMS, WERE IMPLICATED.

4. QUOTE IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN PEACE IN ITS TERRITORY AND TO ASSURE THE ECONOMIC FUTURE OF THE NATION ARE RUNNING UP AGAINST SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES ORGANIZED FROM WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES AND WITH THE COMPLICITY OF AMERICAN CITIZENS.

5. QUOTE THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT, APPRECIATING THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION WHICH IT HAS ALWAYS FOUND IN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, WOULD BE VERY HAPPY TO RECEIVE ANY AND ALL INFORMATION RELATED TO THE EXPLOSION OF SEPTEMBER 4, IN PARTICULAR:

- THE GROUP FOR WHICH HARRINGTON AND ABRAMS WERE WORKING;
- THE POLITICAL IDEOLOGY OF THIS GROUP;
- THE IDENTITIES OF MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP;
- THE ADDRESS OF THIS GROUP IN THE UNITED STATES;
- THE GROUP'S SOURCES OF FINANCE.

6. QUOTE IN CONCLUDING THIS NOTE, THE CHANCELLERY REMINDS YOUR EMBASSY ONCE AGAIN THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO FOLLOW-UP TO LETTER SG/CG: 82 OF MAY 10, 1974.

7. QUOTE I TAKE THIS OCCASION TO RENEW TO YOU, MR. CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I., THE ASSURANCES OF MY DISTINGUISHED CONSIDERATION. (SIGNED) EDNER BRUTUS, SECRETARY OF STATE. END QUOTE

8. IN MY SEPTEMBER 9 ACKNOWLEDGMENT, I HAVE ASSURED BRUTUS HIS REQUEST HAS BEEN IMMEDIATELY CONVEYED WASHINGTON. HAVE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED CLOSE COOPERATION SHOWN BY GOH AUTHORITIES BY SHARING WITH AMCONSUL FROM OUTSET INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY GOH, ADDING IT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY FACILITATE USG'S TASK IN DEVELOPING RELATED INFORMATION. HAVE PROMISED THAT AS SOON AS RELIABLE INFORMATION CAN BE DEVELOPED ON US SIDE IT WILL BE CONVEYED IMMEDIATELY TO GOH.
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